

Israeli mission sprayed with bullets

PARIS (R) — Masked men Wednesday raked an Israeli embassy building with machine gun fire in a nighttime attack in central Paris and the embassy immediately blamed the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which later said it had no information on the attack. Police said no one was injured in the midday attack on the Israeli purchasing mission headed by Brig.-Gen. Amir Reuvini, which concentrates on military equipment. They said three men sprayed the front of the embassy annex on the Boulevard Malesherbes with machine-gun fire and then escaped in a car.

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Teams appeal to Iraq on decision

ABU DHABI (R) — Teams competing in the Gulf Soccer Tournament here appealed to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday night to reconsider his decision to withdraw Iraq from the tournament. The president made his decision as a gesture of goodwill towards Kuwait, the Gulf champions who will be taking part in the world cup finals in Spain in June. Iraq, the tournament leaders, were due to play Kuwait on Thursday, but the president said in a letter to the players: "Because the tournament is of special importance to our brothers in Kuwait, which has national and brotherly ties with us and is our neighbour, we would like you to withdraw from the games in favour of Kuwait."

Sharon delays trip to Egypt

TEL AVIV (A.P.) — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has delayed a trip to Egypt designed to solve a simmering border dispute between Israel and Egypt, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Wednesday. Gen. Sharon was invited to visit Cairo this Sunday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. Israel and Egypt have been at loggerheads over the precise location of their border south of the Israeli port city of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba. "The only reason he cannot go next week is because of lack of time," said Dan Weintraub, Gen. Sharon's spokesman.

Iranian copter shot down, 2 vessels hit

NICOSIA (A.P.) — An Iranian helicopter gunship was shot down and two naval vessels were damaged by Iraqi forces in continuing fighting in southern Iran, a communiqué broadcast by Baghdad Radio reported Wednesday. The communiqué said the helicopter gunship was shot down by Iraqi anti-aircraft guns over the Shush-Dezful area where major battles raged between the Iraqi and Iranian forces for the last 10 days. A "large Iranian naval target" was destroyed and another medium-size target was hit by Iraqi naval vessel at 1300 local time (1000GMT) at Khot Moussa on the Shatt Al Arab waterway, the communiqué added. The communiqué said 22 Iranian troops were killed in the past 24 hours, mostly near Ahwaz, capital of the southern Iranian province of Kuzestan, the communiqué added.

Foreign sub in Scottish waters

LONDON (R) — An unidentified foreign submarine is under surveillance in international waters off the west coast of Scotland, Britain's Royal Navy announced Wednesday. It said in a statement that the submarine had been tracked by Royal Navy frigates, Sea Harriers and Nimrod patrolling. A defence ministry spokesman said it was unusual for a foreign submarine to be in this area as it was being kept under surveillance," he said.

Australian minister meets Ali in Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Australian Foreign Minister Tony Street had a working meeting Wednesday with Egypt's Foreign Minister Anwar al-Sadat to discuss his and his participation in the Sinai peacekeeping force and political rearmament in the Middle East, a spokesman said. Mr. Street was due to meet his team in the Middle East on Tuesday night on the last part of a Middle Eastern tour which had already taken him to Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel.

The 10,000-strong Mr. Street team cost JD 9000 and may remain in the Middle East for up to two weeks.

JETT gets 5% new pullman

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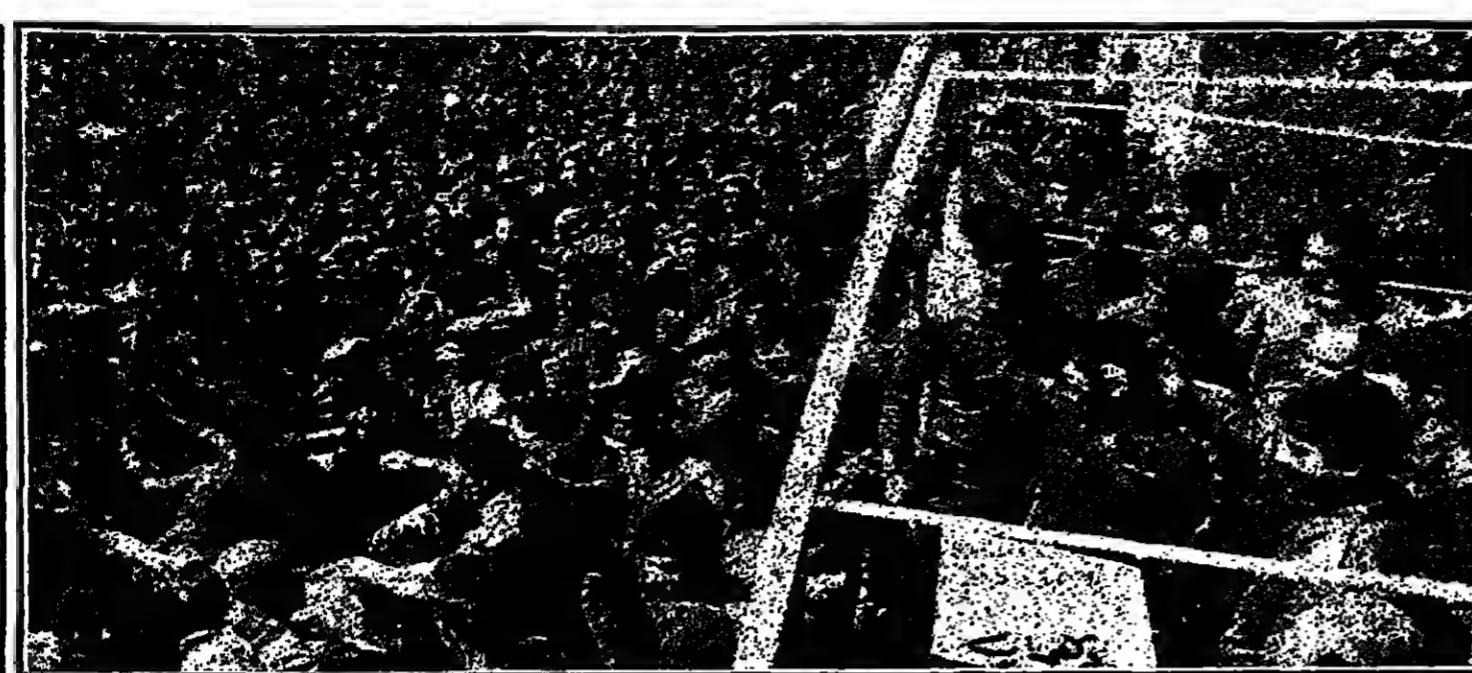
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Brezhnev is in hospital

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is receiving hospital treatment for an undisclosed ailment, reliable sources said on Wednesday. The 75-year-old Soviet leader was said to have been admitted to a special hospital near the Kremlin, which treats members of the Soviet leadership, after returning to Moscow last Friday in poor health from a provincial medical trip. The sources said details of President Brezhnev's condition were scant. But they added he felt much better on Wednesday than he did Tuesday. Official Soviet sources in line with practice in the past refused to discuss the question of President Brezhnev's health and it seemed unlikely there would be any official announcement.



His Majesty King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (far right) wave to Jordanian and Arab volunteers of the Yarmouk Force during a visit to their camp in Iraq on Wednesday (photo by Zohrab)

'The time has come for political parties'

By Maaz D. Shukayr

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein was quoted Wednesday as saying he agreed that "the time has come" to allow the formation of political parties in Jordan, but warned against the dangers inherent in transferring inter-Arab differences into the country.

He was speaking in an interview published here in the first issue of a new Jordanian magazine, Al Oufuq.

King Hussein told the editors of Al Oufuq a "search" was now underway for a "formula to revive and organise political life (in Jordan), in a way that guarantees, first and foremost, the unity of our people, of our march and of our objectives."

But, he stressed, the situation "does not relate to the transfer of a distorted image of inter-Arab relations into Jordan."

In addition to the interview with King Hussein, the magazine reported that "preparations are almost complete" for the est-

ablishment of Jordan's first political party since the 1950s.

It said the proposed party, to be called the Arab Constitution Party, will hold a "constituent conference" to approve the grouping's charter, in preparation for a licence application. It did not say when the conference would be held; but it claimed that 150 "prominent Jordanians" would attend, including "a number of former cabinet members, professors from both universities and the National Consultative Council."

The magazine did not mention any names, but it published the pictures of Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal and former Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Jamal Al Siwi.

The proposed party, according to Al Oufuq, will advocate Arab unity, democracy, social justice, economic development and freedom and equality for all Jordanians.

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He was asked to comment on "leaks, probably from Washington," that there was now a need for a "Jordanian-Palestinian coalition that can overcome the obstacle of Washington's and Tel Aviv's refusal to conduct official dialogue with the PLO," as a prerequisite for any post-Camp David peace moves.

"It is not a question of a coalition or dialogue with this party or that. These are formalities. (The facts are that) there is an occupied land, and consensus was reached in (Security Council) Resolution 242 (of November 1967) that land cannot be acquired by force. There is also a Palestinian people under occupation, which must determine its future freely on its own land."

King Hussein said Jordan "does not exist," nor will it be part of any dialogue over the Israeli premise that the occupied land — the West Bank and Gaza — is the Land of Israel, and that the Palestinian Arabs are "a problem for which a solution has to be found."

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Qasem back from Tunis

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Mr. Willerding arrived here Wednesday at the start of a three-day visit to Jordan. He was met at the airport by Foreign Minister's Secretary-General Amer Shammon and the East German Ambassador to Jordan.

He was speaking at a meeting he held with Information Ministry Under-Secretary Peter Salah with whom he reviewed scopes of cooperation between his country and

E. German envoy holds talks

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The Jordanian delegation submitted to the meeting a working paper outlining the Israeli measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied homeland and Jordan's measures to counter the Israeli practices against Palestinians, Mr. Qasem said.

In the working paper Jordan called for the implementation of a joint Arab action plan endorsed by the Baghdad, Amman and Tunis Arab summits, the Minister said.

The paper, he added, also contained Jordan's views "as to what the Arab countries should do to enhance the Palestinian steadfastness and foil the enemy's plans aimed at evacuating the occupied territories of their inhabitants and establishing Jewish settlements."

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which can be prepared at home but not in our establishment." Another had not heard of it at all). But it could be found in downtown greengrocer stores. The restaurants the Jordan Times spoke to after the finding were virtually unanimous that even this new revelation may not raise demand for it, at least not in the immediate future.

Still, they may regret their lack of interest; the Jordan Times has learned that upon hearing about the finding a group of leading Jordanian businessmen from the private sector is studying plans to start farming khubbetze, so far growing in the wild. "It is quite a hardy plant that can thrive virtually anywhere in the Kingdom," Falah Al Ayesh, an agricultural engineer and one of the main investors-to-be, said.

Another businessman, Adnan Al Kassab thought of a project a modest acreage of 200 dunums could be devoted for cultivating khubbetze. "But we hope we would expand that in the not too distant future with the possibility of offshoot industries being established to produce canned and frozen khubbetze so that it would be available in the market all year round," he said.

Mr. Kassab compared khubbetze to oysters which remained "food for the poor" in Europe well into the 19th century but which are considered now to be a delicacy. He declared, waving a khubbetze twig in his hand:

"You are now looking at the oysters of the Arabs."



The round-heart-shaped leaves of khubbetze, the plant with life-prolonging qualities (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

sive doses of vitamin E for this reason. He himself takes a daily dose of 100 units a day.

Vitamin C, another antioxidant, is believed to reinforce the effects of E, so proponents advise taking these supplements together.

The efficacy of vitamin B-15, for which many claims have been

remained, probably for these very reasons, a meal for the poor, fried with onions in oil and eaten with bread occasionally, especially in the spring time.

The place where one may find the herb is not in the supermarkets in fashionable areas or the quality restaurants (one restaurateur said: "It is really peasant's food

King says all is well in Iraq

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman Wednesday at the end of a two-day visit to Iraq where he held talks with President Saddam Hussein on the military situation along the battlefield with the Iranian enemy. The talks also covered current Arab and international affairs and their impact on the Arab issues in general and the Palestine problem in particular, and dealt with a number of common issues of concern to Jordan and Iraq.

He expressed his total satisfaction with the Iraqi situation "thanks to the skill of the Iraqi armed forces command, the army's high morale and the people's rallying behind the armed forces which are confident of their victory over the Iranian enemy."

Soon after his return King Hussein chaired a cabinet meeting attended by the Crown Prince. President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh and Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talibani as well as several high-ranking government officials.

At the meeting the King reassured them as to the Iraqi military situation in all its aspects by describing in detail the progress of the battles against the Iranians and the developments at the front in the past two weeks which yielded honourable results for the Iraqi army.

King Hussein explained the reasons that called for the redeployment of the Iraqi forces in accordance with sound military principles and tactics. "This redeployment which took place within the Iranian territory is bound to strengthen the Iraqi position along the front to conform with the nature of the war in its political and military dimensions and in compliance with instructions of the Iraqi armed forces command and its strategy and aims," King Hussein said.

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and that Iran had lost "two-thirds of its force in men and equipment" in the offensive.

The Iraqi news agency said President Hussein and the King had spent Wednesday morning visiting training camps of the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force from Jordan and from within Iraq to back up the regular Iraqi forces.

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R)

— Israel Wednesday rejected strong criticism of its West Bank policies by the European Community Market as Britain's foreign secretary began talks with Israeli leaders on healing differences over the future of occupied Arab lands amid fresh violence in the West Bank.

The Israeli rejection was pointedly issued at about the same time as Lord Carrington, who arrived in Jerusalem on Tuesday night for a two-day visit, went into his first formal meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Fresh violence erupted in the West Bank as Lord Carrington opened his Jerusalem talks. Security sources said a prominent member of an Israeli-sponsored Village League was wounded by a boobytrap bomb in his car at Tulkarm and a curfew was imposed on Beit Jala after a petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli bus, injuring one person.

It was the 13th day of a civil uprising in the West Bank over Israel's removal of elected Arab mayors.

Israeli state radio said Mr. Shamir personally stressed rejecting of the EEC stand during his one-hour conversation with Lord Carrington. No statement was issued after the meeting.

During a mid-morning tour of the Yad Vashem memorial to Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust, Lord Carrington was told by an Israeli guide that Britain's appeasement of Hitler in the 1930's pointed the lesson that Israel should not appease the Palestine Lib.

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Many members have resigned

since Jordan issued a warning three weeks ago that anyone continuing to cooperate with the Israelis would face treason charges.

Beit Jala, a town with 10,000 residents, was the fifth West Bank town to come under curfew during the present unrest in which more than 120 Palestinian youths have been detained. At least five more were killed by Israeli forces in the early days of the uprising.

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Jordan Valley Authority President Omar Abdullah Dakhaqan and representatives of two international construction firms sign an agreement for the national water network project Wednesday (Petra photo)

First-of-its-kind project

Two international firms sign for water network job

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two international firms, the U.K.'s George Wimpey International and Han Bo of South Korea, signed a contract here Wednesday to construct the first stage of a pipe network to bring drinking water from the Jordan Valley to Amman and other areas in Jordan.

According to Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) President Omar Abdullah Dakhaqan, who signed the contract for the JVA, some 45 million cubic metres of water annually will be pumped from the Jordan Valley town of Deir Alla to Amman, Zarqa and Wadi Walla, and as far east as the eastern *badia* regions, when the project has been completed.

He told the Jordan Times water will be lifted some 1,300 metres to reach its destination, making the project unique in the world.

In the fully automated project, Wimpey's share

will be worth JD 7 million and Han Bo's JD 6 million, Mr. Dakhaqan said. Apart from laying the pipelines for the water, the two firms will be helping in the construction of a water treatment station and another for pumping water, as well as the construction of a huge water tower, he added.

The whole project, expected to cost some JD 38 million, will be financed by the United States Agency for International Development, which will lend JD 8 million, the Saudi Development Fund (JD 17 million), the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (JD 8 million) and the Jordanian government.

Mr. Dakhaqan told the Jordan Times that the second stage of the project will shortly be awarded to other international firms. The two stages are expected to be completed by the end of 1984.

ional water network project Wednesday (Petra photo)

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Envoy to Kuwait presents credentials

KUWAIT (Petra) — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, received Wednesday the credentials of Jordan's new Ambassador to Kuwait Saleh Al Zuhri. The presentation ceremony was attended by the Kuwaiti Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein.

University doctor plans U.S. visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in an international conference on eye treatment which will open in Boston, Massachusetts on Friday. Participants in the three-day conference, organised by Harvard University, will discuss subjects connected with eye surgery and treatment by the use of laser beams, in addition to other modern scientific trends in eye treatment. Dr. Nureddin Arifat from the Jordan University Hospital's ophthalmology clinic will represent the university at the conference.

Irbid employees study administration

IRBID (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration's Irbid branch will open a course on Saturday for employees of public and government institutions in Irbid Governorate. The course is designed to coordinate the exchange of expertise and information among various departments and organisations, with the aim of developing their administrative skills.

Metrology seminar starts Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on metrology will open at the Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology in Amman on Saturday. Attending are 20 participants from 12 Arab states, who will hear 31 lectures by eight specialists on metrology and will watch a special documentary on the subject. They will discuss matters connected with metrology, units of measurement and international organisations' standards, as well as topics connected with the standards of weights and measures, taxi metres and terms and standards specifications for products. The participants will tour a number of Jordanian institutions whose functions are closely connected with subjects to be discussed at the seminar, including the Royal Scientific Society.

Merchants get short end of stick

AMMAN (Petra) — Four Jordanian merchants have been sentenced by the military court to one month in prison, and will have their stores closed for two weeks, for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. Two other merchants will be imprisoned for one month each; another will pay a JD 150 fine and a fourth will pay JD 40, for similar offences. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.



Detail of a poster promoting National Book Week

National Book Week starts today

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — National Book Week, sponsored by the Department of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives (DNLDA), begins on Thursday.

DNLDA Director Ahmad Sharqas, who is president of the regional branch of the International Council for Archives, told the Jordan Times that several book exhibitions in Amman, Russeifa and the Jordan Valley town of Deir Alla are being held to mark the occasion. A large exhibition of Arabic books will be held at the Islamic College in Amman, Dr. Sharqas added. At least 500 titles put out by publishers throughout the Arab World will be on show, he said.

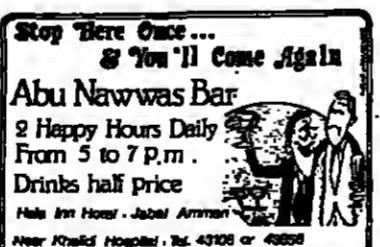
Several Jordanian, Arab and international library experts will participate in the three panel discussions and seminars planned by the department during National Book Week, Dr. Sharqas said. The department is also distributing posters to promote interest in reading and books among the Jordanian public, he added.

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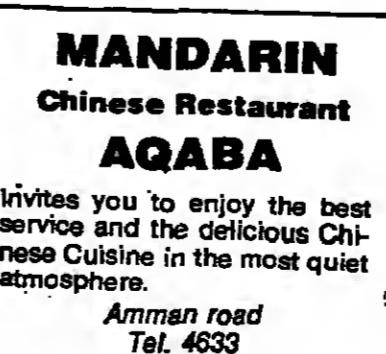
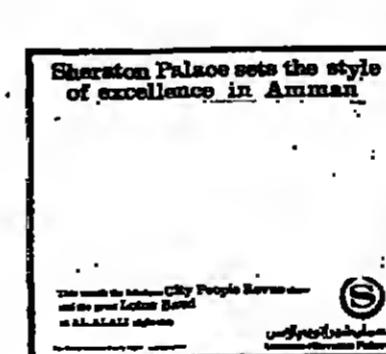
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Jordan's opportunity

THE DISCOVERY by a team of Arab-American researchers headed by a Jordanian medical doctor that the *khubbeizeh* plant may have powerful life-prolonging properties strikes us as an important opportunity to be taken advantage of by the entire science and technology sector in Jordan. It has been the hallmark of this country that our most important national product is our skilled and educated manpower. Statistics already indicate clearly the relatively high proportion of our educated people in technical and professional fields. Yet, Jordan has not always been able to put this pool of skilled people to productive work, serving Jordan, the Arab World and countries further afield. The discovery that the locally abundant *khubbeizeh* plant could have an important medical role is perhaps the kind of opportunity that this country has long needed to make a significant contribution to the international world of medicine and science.

Our suggestion is that an interdisciplinary team of senior doctors, scientists and researchers be put together immediately so that a coherent, systematic and rational research programme could be implemented to discover the full potential of the heretofore ignored *khubbeizeh* plant. We have the skilled people in Jordan, as well as the research facilities, to design and implement this kind of high-powered research programme. A successful effort would allow this country to make a truly significant contribution to humankind's knowledge about medical science.

This is an opportunity that should not be lost. We hope the relevant official bodies in this field will appreciate the opportunity at hand and take full advantage of it.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Israel's main enemy

AL RA': A popular rally was held on Tuesday by the municipal and village councils in Jordan at the Palace of Culture, the Hussein Youth City on the anniversary of Land Day to express solidarity with the Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories and their mass uprising against the Israeli occupation authorities. This popular rally has highlighted the solidarity between the Jordanian and Palestinian people.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent addressed the rally expressing the will of the Jordanian leadership and people and their determination to remain the firm supporters of our kinsfolk in the occupied territories. Prince Hassan warned against polarisation in the Arab region. He also warned against disputes among the forces of the Arab Nation and the gap that exists between knowledge and the ability to take decisions.

He called on the Arabs to reassess the Arab march so that they could shoulder their responsibilities, abandon negative trends, stick to united action and speak the same language because this is the only way they can confront the challenges threatening them now and in the future.

It is needless to say that a reassessment of the Arab march is very urgent at this very delicate period. This step necessitates courage and objectivity because the goal is to rebuild the united Arab file and the united Arab will, and to handle the gap that exists between knowledge and the ability to take decisions in the Arab arena. Prince Hassan stressed that Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation and Jordan's stand by the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are Israel's major enemies.

He also stressed that Jordan will continue to support our struggling kinsfolk.

Arab solidarity of action

AL DUSTOUR: The popular rally which was held on Tuesday expresses the fateful solidarity between the Jordanian and the Palestinian people in confronting the common danger. It also stresses Jordan's stand with all its capabilities by the sons of Palestine in their honourable struggle to regain their rights and territories. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's participation in this popular rally confirms the Jordanian leadership's determination to remain committed to defend the Palestinian issue and to protect the right of the Palestinian people to determine their destiny on their national soil.

Prince Hassan explained that the sons of Jordan and Palestine have a view of the Palestinian tragedy other than that held by some Arab chieftains because the former are an integral part of the Arab Nation's message to defend Arab territories.

The Jordanian and Palestinian confrontation of the Zionist enemy aims at freeing the Arab territories and foiling the enemy's ambitions of expansion. Prince Hassan pointed out that Jordanian-Palestinian solidarity worries Israel which is doing its best and conspiring to sow sedition and break up the Arab file.

Jordan is committed to stand by the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The popular rally is part of Jordan's commitment to defend the Palestinian issue and the rights of the Palestinian people. Prince Hassan has called for a reassessment of the Arab march in order to eliminate Arab weakness in facing current developments.

Solidarity with the Palestinian people does not come with words but with real action to support the heroic mass uprising of the Palestinian people. This is what Jordan has been doing and this what all Arab states must do before Israel's flames touch them.

RED & BLACK

'The land speaks Arabic'

By Jawad Ahmad

Milson riled by press

By James MacManus

After eight days of disturbance on the occupied West Bank, the Israeli civil administrator of the territory, Professor Menachem Milson, justified the dismissal of three mayors at an ill-tempered press conference.

In an opening statement, Professor Milson placed the violence in the context of a crucial struggle between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He said that the PLO whose "evil ideology" demanded the extinction of the state of Israel and of the Jewish people, controlled 10 of the 25 West Bank mayors.

The PLO's aim, he said, was the destruction of any dialogue between Palestinians and the Israeli government about a future authority in the region. To the astonishment of journalists present, Professor Milson claimed that the PLO had successfully used terror and bribery to subvert the 1976 elections in which the mayors and their councillors had been elected.

When a journalist pointed out that the Israeli foreign ministry had issued statements declaring the elections to be fair and democratic, Mr. Milson claimed that only much later had Israel realised that the electors had been intimidated.

Pressed on this point, Professor Milson, who was summoned from university to head the West Bank administration last December, indulged in contortions of logic that left his listeners exasperated.

His irritation at this questioning showed after the press conference when a Swedish journalist, long resident in Jerusalem, attempted to continue her questions. Three times the professor demanded to know whether the woman supported the PLO and when she refused to answer the question, he remarked bitterly that many of her colleagues did.

The professor's frustration was perhaps understandable after a week in which his efforts to find a Palestinian consensus for an Israeli-run civil administration had foundered. The Professor believes that he will find that consensus once the PLO and "its agents" have been removed from the West Bank.

He insisted yesterday that Palestinian notables would be found to replace the dismissed mayors and that the ministry officers running three local governments could soon leave their jobs. Israel, he said, would negotiate with any Palestinian Arab who did not support the guerrilla organisation.

The administrator was then asked what Israel could possibly offer such Palestinians even if they could be found. It was pointed out that Mr. Begin's Government had said that the West Bank was to be retained forever just as the world Zionist organisation had published a master plan for the establishment of 120,000 Jewish settlers in the area by 1985.

The civilian administrator of Judea and Samaria, the biblical names by which Israel refers to the West Bank, could not adequately answer that question. He did say that the 18,000 acres of Jewish settlements in the territory could not be considered an impediment to peace since the overall area comprised 1.5 million acres. The theme of the professor's address was that a dialogue would be re-established between the government and West Bank Palestinians once PLO-orientated mayors had been dismissed.

From the mayor's office in Bethlehem just outside Jerusalem that seemed wildly optimistic. The local mayor, Mr. Elias Freij, one of the five Christian mayors on the West Bank, is a moderate man of great courage. He repeated yesterday that the only answer to the Israel-Arab conflict was Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories and "mutual, instant recognition".

More to the point as far as Professor Milson is concerned are the mayor's remarks on his West Bank policy. "He wants to demolish the fabric of the elected municipalities and replace them with puppets and quislings with whom he can talk. That is crazy because it must be obvious to him now that the people will not tolerate the removal of their elected representatives."

It is a measure of the bleak situation on the West Bank that a man who urges Arab nations to "challenge Israel to peace" can point to the evidence of mindless military rule from his office above Bethlehem's manger square. There, amid tourist shops, some open, some closed, is the mayor's own family business which makes mother of pearl and olive wood artefacts.

The shutters of that shop have been wedged closed with oxyacetylene torches to banish the mayor for his compliance in the commercial strike.

- *Guardian*

The blind boy was led by his father to the beach. They sat there and the father took his child's hand and immersed it in the sea water. "How does it feel?" The father asked. "It feels good" came the boy's answer "but it tastes bad". "It's blue" the father said. "Blue? The sky is also blue", the father said. "Can I touch it?" the boy asked. "No... no, I am afraid you can't", chuckled his dad. A gusty wind blew and ruffled the boy's hair. "It's the wind", the father said. The very beautiful and intriguing question came from the innocent kid: "Dad, what colour is the wind?"

Nobody exactly knows what is the colour of the wind blowing in our region these days. Uncertainty seems to besiege all expectations. Under the circumstances, going back to essentials might be the answer. Putting straightforward answers is the proper course of action to pursue.

In the maze of sophisticated analyses and extensive reports, the facts, the bare facts, go astray. What we need to do is to emulate what the Palestinians are currently doing in the occupied territories of Pal-

estine: Protest, declare your resistance, do something positive, and embarrass your enemy so he can reveal his real identity.

In response to Jordan's decision to prosecute all those collaborators and members of the Village Leagues, Israel had to show its real intentions. Their reactions so far show how frustrated they are. Now they threaten that if Jordan confiscates the property of the Village League members, they will reciprocate by confiscating the land and properties of Jordanians in the West Bank.

Such a response is as rid-

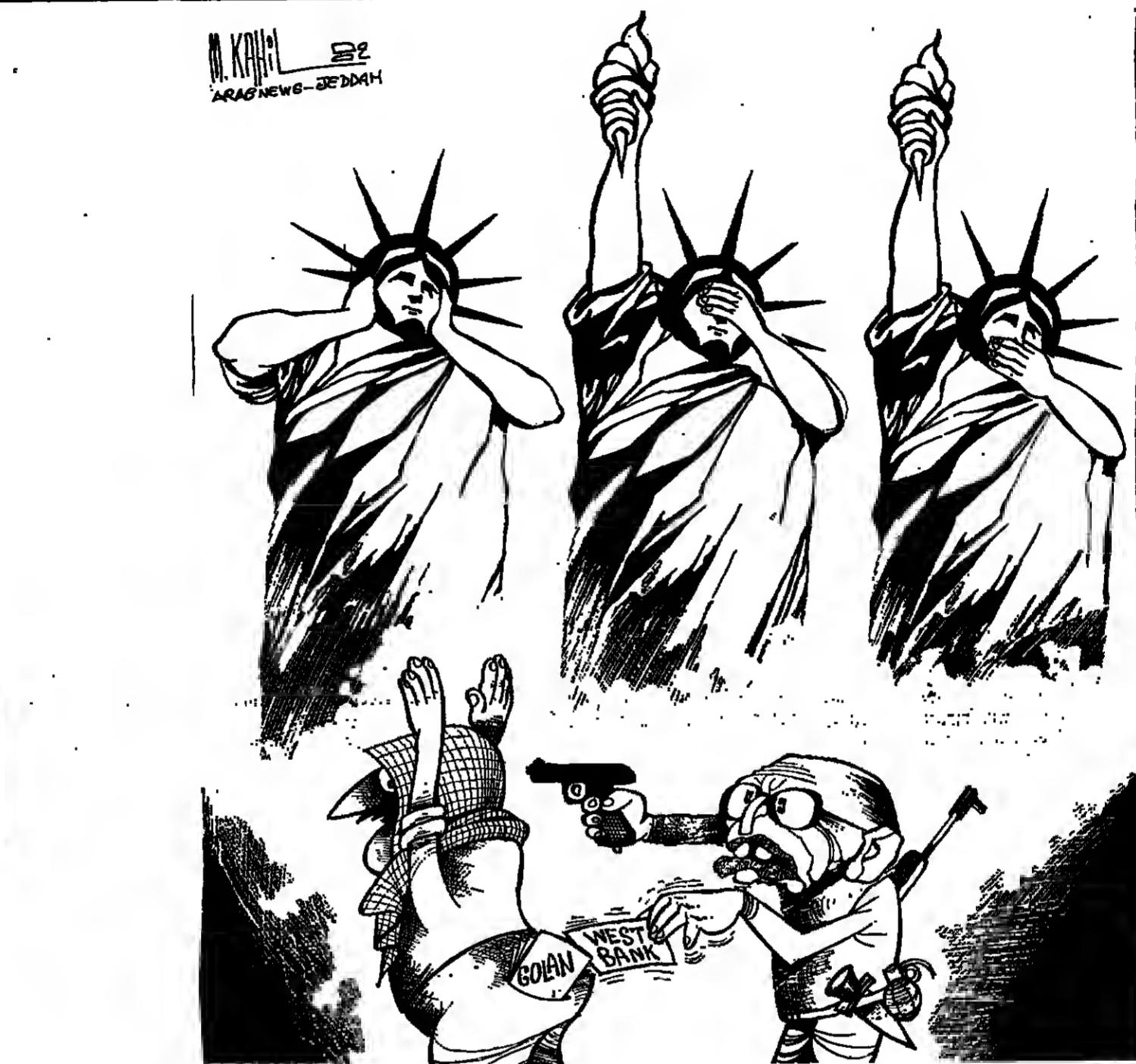
iculous as their threat is absurd. The lands that they have already confiscated are vast enough. They are occupiers of the land, and their integrity in respecting laws is undoubtedly non-existent. Moreover, the question of Israeli occupation is not a marginal one. We are not talking of a lot of land here, or a spread of land there. We are talking about a country which has been usurped.

It is good to let ones' emotions flow because it is the objective thing to do. Objectivity is not always a synonym to coolness and controlled nerves. When it

comes to land, loss of identity, the rights of future generations, why not let emotions flow? This is the least one can permit himself.

A song by a blind Egyptian singer touches me to the core. The Land Speaks Arabic is the title of the song. If the Israelis have been successful in spoiling our present, we should spoil their future for them.

This Land Day of two days ago made my economic comments seem irrelevant. It is good for once to take leave of objectivity one week of the year. The Land Day is the optimal one to do so.



Israelis begin to question 'morality of occupation'

By Norman Kempster

One day this week, while violent confrontations gripped the cities and towns of the West Bank, an Israeli bus travelling between Bethlehem and Hebron in the Israeli-occupied territory swerved to block the highway and force an Arab taxi behind it to come to an abrupt stop.

The bus driver, accompanied by Israeli-civilians armed with automatic rifles, jumped out and beat the car driver, apparently for some breach of motoring etiquette.

According to an eyewitness who was riding in a car behind the taxi, the bus driver struck the cabby several times with his fists.

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Britain and France again at odds in EEC over '82 price rises

BRUSSELS (R) — Western Europe's 10 common market governments, still split by a damaging row over money, Wednesday began three days of tough bargaining on 1982 price rises for the EEC's eight million farmers.

Few diplomats expect agriculture ministers to come up with an accord during their marathon session, threatening even deeper divisions between their governments.

As in the long-standing dispute over Britain's payments to the budget of the European Economic Community (EEC), which marred a summit meeting of EEC leaders here Tuesday, the main protagonists will be France and Britain, the diplomats said.

The talks will also be held against a background of rowdy protests by the powerful farmers' unions, which Tuesday gave a farce by burning effigies of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French Farm Minister Edith Cresson in the streets of Brussels.

Mrs. Thatcher warned other EEC leaders that she would veto agricultural price rises due by April 1 unless Britain gets the cash it is seeking.

But French President Francois Mitterrand, looking for a speedy accord on a double-figure farm price rise, rejected the latest compromise plan on the budget issue, due to be discussed by EEC foreign ministers at a meeting in Luxembourg on Saturday.

Farmers, who rely for their incomes on the EEC's complicated system of guaranteed prices for a whole range of products from milk to olives, want a 16.3 per cent price rise to compensate them for rising costs.

France, Italy, Greece and Ireland — all with large rural populations — have backed the farmers' demands for at least a double-figure increase.

Britain, however, blames huge spending on selling off the EEC's huge food surpluses for its budget problems. It has said that even the nine per cent price rise suggested by the EEC commission is too high.

Diplomats said a compromise around 11 per cent could be acceptable to all sides if there were a solution to the budget problem.

And adjustments were made to the artificial currency exchange rates at which farmers are paid.

Freighters queue at Soviet ports

By Ralph Boulton
Reuter

MOSCOW — Growing congestion at the Soviet Union's over-loaded ports threatens to choke the country's industrial expansion and delay vital food imports.

Moscow is pouring funds into expanding and modernising its dock facilities, especially in the Soviet Union's far east, but queues of ships continue to grow at the older ports. The problem is worse in winter when many harbours and sea lanes freeze over.

A marine planning official working for the Soviet Union's most important merchant division, the Baltic Fleet, said unofficially: "The situation is getting pretty difficult up there with holdups, lack of equipment and, most of all, a railway system which can't cope. Frankly, I don't see any way out at the moment."

Many Western and Soviet officials agree that a further expansion of ports would only deepen the problem if the country's infrastructure of roads and railways is not radically modernised at the same time.

Igor Averin, head of the Soviet Maritime Ministry's international department, told Reuters that Baltic ports had suffered last winter from a combination of exceptionally bad weather and rail disruptions.

"We have ways of predicting the weather but the railways are beyond our control," he joked.

Last December 26 ships carrying badly needed grain supplies were delayed for up to two weeks at the Baltic port of Kaliningrad. The head of the port blamed the railways for not supplying enough goods wagons.

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates Moscow will import a record 42 million tonnes of grain this year, taking its handling capacity to the limit.

Mr. Averin said Soviet ports could handle up to 200,000 tonnes of grain per day given favourable weather.

"I think the facilities we have are enough to cope with our grain needs. We don't propose any spe-

35 foreign firms in China's offshore bid

PEKING (R) — Thirty-five foreign companies have applied to participate in the first round of bidding for the right to exploit China's offshore oil, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) said Wednesday.

The deadline for submitting bids was 4 p.m. Tuesday. CNOOC, quoted by the New China News Agency (NCNA), said letters of notification were sent to 41 foreign companies last month.

NCNA said in February that letters had gone to 46 companies but Western oil experts said five firms had apparently not accepted the letters and six did not submit bids, probably mainly smaller companies. NCNA did not name any of the firms.

The size of China's offshore oil reserves is unknown, but many experts believe they are considerable and that they will greatly boost Chinese petroleum production, now stagnant at 100 million tonnes annually.

Large scale dock expansion programme continues

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The delays often mean that technical equipment and food are left on quaysides for want of storage facilities.

Goods wagon production dropped by almost 13 per cent last month compared to Feb. 1981 and output from industrial bases uses an overloaded rail link or pacific ports.

"The problems we see here are to some extent the symptoms of a general constriction in the economy. Production shortfalls in key areas, such as coal and steel are having their effect on the railways and docks," one Western diplomat said.

Mr. Averin believes a new deep-water port under construction near the Estonian capital of Tallin will do much to ease bottlenecks in the Baltic region.

The port, at the town of Muuga, is due to open in 1986 and will be capable of handling bulk cargoes of up to 5,000 tonnes.

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UNC wins NCAA basketball title

NEW ORLEANS (Agencies) — The University of North Carolina basketball team won a 63-62 victory over Georgetown University March 29 at New Orleans to take the 1982 NCAA Division One basketball title.

Ivan Lendl beats Christoph Zipf

FRANKFURT (R) — Top Seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia had unexpected difficulty in subduing West German Christoph Zipf 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the \$250,000 Frankfurt Grand Prix tennis tournament Wednesday.

China accuses ISF chief of violating regulations

PEKING (R) — Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch indicated Wednesday night that the organisers of the Women's World Softball Championships in Taiwan in July might have broken Olympic regulations by their arrangements.

China has accused the American head of the International Softball Federation (ISF), Don Porter, of violating ISF regulations by issuing invitations referring to Taiwan as the Republic of China.

Mr. Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), told a press conference in Peking that sports federations recognised by the IOC, including the ISF, "must follow our rules and our agreements."

He said this included the agreements made when China was admitted to the IOC in November 1979, under which Taiwan agreed to compete in the games as "China Taipei" and without its national anthem and flag.

A spokesman for the Taiwan Organising Committee said in Taipei Tuesday that only 19 of the 46 invited countries had so far confirmed they would take part in the championship.

Mr. Samaranch declined to condemn the ISF publicly, and said all international sports federations were independent. But he

added that if any federation was not following IOC rules and agreements, the IOC would discuss the case when it met in Rome in May.

He said the softball issue had not been raised during a meeting with Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping Wednesday, adding that the meeting had focussed on the development of sport in China.

His visit to China had nothing to do with the softball crisis, he said. "But if we can help we are always ready to do so," he added.

He also said he was "expecting to see a very big Chinese team in our next Olympic games in Los Angeles in 1984."

Wimbledon prize money increased

In the women's singles, won last year by Chris Evert Lloyd, the reward increases to £37,500 (\$66,750) from last year's £19,440 (\$37,791).

Last year, however, the players had the advantage of a higher dollar conversion rate—2.40 compared to the present 1.78—and All-England chairman Sir Brian Burnett gave this as one of the reasons for the increase.

Sir Brian said greater bonus pool contributions and a rise in players' expenses were other factors, but he denied that the jump in prize money for this year's U.S. Open, from one million to 1.5 million dollars, had any effect.

"We did not know of the U.S. prize money when we decided what ours would be," he said. "In any case we don't believe money is the main criterion in being the best championship in the world."

Citing the other factors, he said a 25 per cent rise was necessary "just to stand still in dollar terms."

"Increases have been restricted to an average of seven per cent over the last three years and this has not kept pace with inflation. The U.S. or French Opens or some other events in the United States,"

he said.

He said much of the increased expense would come from the extra Sunday being added at the end of the championships.

The most striking comparison, however, was with the first open Wimbledon in 1968, when prize money was \$26,158.

He said the men's plate event, for early round losers, would not be held this year because of the number of defaults last year, but a men's 35 and over singles event was being added.

On the question of Borg, Sir Brian said he would be discussing the matter with Men's Professional Council and Grand Prix officials in Monte Carlo next week.

Borg, who lost last year's final to McEnroe, has refused to sign for ten Grand Prix events this year and under existing rules must re-take quality for every event he enters.

Sir Brian would not comment on the possibility of Borg not having to qualify for Wimbledon, but stressed that Wimbledon officials had a "clear view on the matter" which he would be stressing at next week's meeting.

Peru reverses last week's defeat by Chile

LIMA (R) — A 39th minute goal by Eduardo Malasquez gave Peru a 1-0 victory over Chile here Tuesday night in a warm-up match for the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain in June.

The result reversed a 2-1 defeat suffered by Peru against their southern neighbours in Santiago a week ago.

Peru are drawn in Group One of the finals with Italy, Poland and Cameroun while Chile face West Germany, Austria and Algeria in Group Two.

Peru, despite lacking star forward Julio Cesar Uribe and two strikers contracted to foreign clubs, took the initiative from the start.

Jose Velasquez linked with Cesar Cueto in midfield to set up a stream of attacks on the Chilean goal.

The goal was a just reward for Peru's early domination and demonstrated Malasquez's brilliant finishing.

A chip forward was headed down to Guillermo la Rosa who pushed the ball across the edge of the area and Malasquez hammered a low right-foot shot inside Osorio's right-hand post.

The goal spurred the Chileans to counter-attack and only superb saves by Ramon Quiroga prevented them from equalising before the interval.

The pace dropped in the second half and Chile, also fielding a depleted side, threatened to level terms as Peru gave them more space and time in midfield.

But although Chile brought on star striker Casley as a substitute, it was Peru who came closest to scoring.

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Assets		LIABILITIES		
	JD	Fils	JD	Fils
Fixed Assets				
Furniture	29852	235		
Cars	13187	041		
Trucks	31917	400		
Heavy Equipments	425238	829		
Tools	21804	346		
Total	521999	851		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(218174)	039		
			303825	812
Current Assets				
Cash - Office	759	290		
Cash - Project 301	919	528		
Cash - Project 302	—	450		
Citibank - JD-	5710	777		
Citibank - US	1665	144		
Bank of Commerce	72830	435		
Debtors	3708	730		
			85594	354
Accounts Receivable				
Receivable Payments	1518845	868		
Retention	238568	004		
Guarantees	57251	500		
Prepaid Expenses	2708	332		
			1817373	704
			2206793	870

In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet presents fairly the financial position, and profit & loss account present the result of the activities for Amman Branch as at December 31st, 1981.

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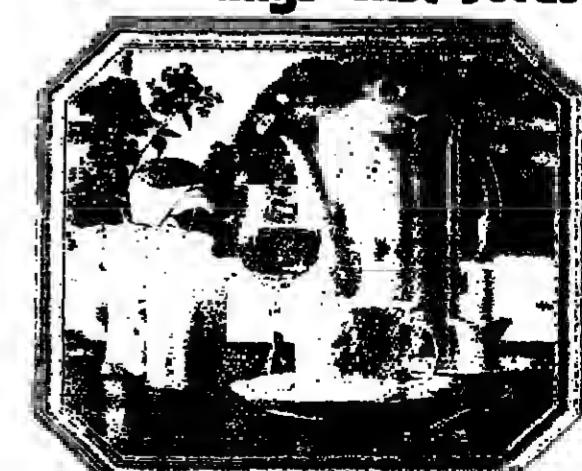
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TURSES

Bangkok nightspots to go silent for sanuk, Thai art of enjoyment

By Catherine Campbell
Reuter

BANGKOK — Thailand's Rattanakosin bicentenary will be largely devoted to the bigly-developed Thai art of *sanuk* — enjoying oneself, its planners say. But officially the anniversary will honour the Chakri Dynasty of nine extraordinary kings to whom the Thai people owe their much-prized freedom.

The 1982 celebrations, to be spectacularly launched with a procession of 51 royal barges here on April 5, will also include religious and cultural ceremonies, fairs and pageants, nationwide urban and rural development projects, and a major house-cleaning that could prompt a brief shut-down of Bangkok's hundreds of go-go bars and

massage parlours.

Already the rollicking seaside resort of Pattaya, about 160 kilometers southeast of Bangkok — where a common inscription on T-shirts worn by sunburned male tourists is "I love you more than I can pay" — has been primly told by the image-conscious government that it is not to hold any bicentennial celebrations.

A bicentennial crackdown in Bangkok would mostly dismay bar-girls and tourists, for whom the capital's ebullient nightlife is a major attraction.

But the festival is almost entirely a Thai affair. All the main events will be nationally televised to reach the vast majority of Thailand's 48 million people.

The bicentenary planners have the main ceremonies in April have

been little advertised abroad. "Of all the countries in Southeast Asia, Thailand spends the least money to tell its story," one planner said.

But a small souvenir business using the official bicentennial logo of two Thai-style angels was booming, he said.

Bicentennial planners explain to foreigners that the founding of the Chakri Dynasty by King Rama One in 1782 coincided with the birth of Bangkok on the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

"Rattanakosin" derives from the city's original and somewhat cumbersome name meaning "City of Angels, Greatest of Cities, Immortal Precious Jewel, All Powerful, Ancient, Nine-Jewelled Heavenly City" and so on.

Bangkok is hardly heavenly. Parts of it are sinking, there is a stench from its canals, its tap water is undrinkable and its flooding, traffic, fumes and din are notorious.

But Thailand is more justly famous for being "the land of smiles." It throbs with life and colour.

Nearly surrounded by stern socialist neighbours, Thailand revels in being unique in Southeast Asia in never having fallen under colonial rule.

"It is freedom that we intend to celebrate," said Lt. Gen Chan Anuschoote, chairman of the bicentennial public relations subcommittee.

The essence of Thailand -- the name translates as "land of the free" -- is its citizens' respect for

the king, devotion to Buddhism and national pride.

"We as a nation have developed remarkable diplomatic skills to protect ... our freedom," Gen. Chan said.

Although Thailand is only a partial democracy and subject to political upheavals, Thais say that in practical terms the government is often responsive to citizens' demands for change.

But politics pale before the universal loyalty to the immensely popular King Bhumibol Adulyadej and the highly visible and hard-working royal family.

Their appearance in the procession of royal barges has prompted the government to declare the day a national holiday even though the following day is the normal holiday of Chakri day. A second procession of the gilded swan-necked barges, manned by 2,000 oarsmen, will be held on April 12.

The barge procession, the first in 16 years, was like other bicentennial exhibitions, fairs and ceremonies, rather hurriedly arranged, planners said.

A bicentennial committee was formed five years ago but plans for spending the \$15 million budget began only two years ago, they said.

"For centuries we Thais have been refining the art of *sanuk* -- having good time," Gen. Chan said. "We require less reason and preparation to have a really good time than any other people I can recall."

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A time when you can make important decisions and get excellent results. You can easily put your personal affairs on a more solid structure and gain added goodwill.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take time to clear up any misunderstandings with associates and increase harmony. Ease tensions at home.

T AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A health defect can be alleviated or done away with altogether by taking the right treatments now. Be wise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Day hours are best for putting some latent talent to work and making headway with it. Be more active and cheerful.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You know how to add to present income, so get busy and do so. Be sure business affairs are running smoothly.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study important papers carefully so that you truly understand content. Don't leave yourself wide open for trouble.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Be more cooperative with those you are dealing with and get fine results. Avoid unnecessary expenditure of money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make long-range plans that could give you added security in the future. Use practical sense in all your business dealings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Obtain the data you need to advance in career activities. Get rid of small tasks that impede progress. Use care in motion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find better ways of gaining personal aims and they are soon yours. The evening can be happily shared with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) An outside matter could be troublesome, but you can solve it nicely by being more objective. Show that you are sincere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Know your true position in financial arrangements and make plans for improvement. Establish more order around you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Plan ways of improving regular routines. Care in motion must be exercised now to avoid possible accident.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will want to be kind and generous with others, but may have difficulty doing so and therefore should have more affection and understanding from parents. Then upon reaching maturity your progeny will be successful.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APR. 1, 1982

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APR. 2, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A wonderful day for you to be up early and to put your most imaginative course of action into execution and get excellent results. You can achieve much of value now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure you know what partners expect from you and show that you aim to please them. Enjoy recreation tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan carefully how best to handle work in the near future and then you get good results. Personal goals can be attained now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make the arrangements now for social and recreational activities in the future. Show others you have wisdom.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Good day to get your home in fine condition. Talk over your ideas with associates and gain their cooperation.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make constructive plans that could give you more abundance in the future. Adopt a more practical outlook on life.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Make sure you get a more direct handled intelligence and satisfactorily today — take no risks with your reputation now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Going after personal aims is wise now since you can easily gain them. Show closest tie that you are really devoted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are now able to get the information you want that has been difficult to get in the past. Put it to good use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Put those ideas across to friends that will brighten their future as well as your own. Show that you have poise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan just how you can expand to career activities in the future. Bring your finest talents to the attention of higher-ups.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get busy studying new philosophies and other interests that could be useful to you. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Discuss the future with loved one and come to a fine agreement. Steer clear of a group meeting today. Be wise.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . be or she will get along well with others and it behoves you to give the best education you can afford in preparation for a most successful life. Spiritual training is important early in life. A good marriage is indicated here.

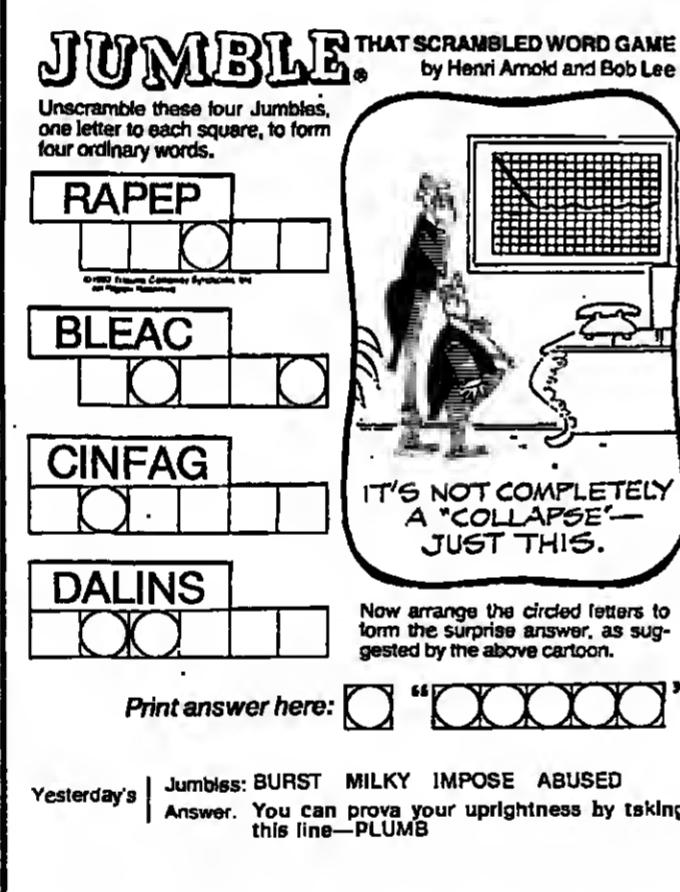
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4 films divide Oscar honours

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — The following is the list of the winners of 1981 Oscar awards in the major categories announced Monday night.

Best picture: "Chariots of Fire." **Best actor:** Henry Fonda, "On Golden Pond." **Best actress:** Katharine Hepburn, "On Golden Pond." **Best supporting actor:** John Gielgud, "Arthur." **Best supporting actress:** Maureen Stapleton, "Reds." **Best director:** Warren Beatty, "Reds." **Best original screenplay:** Colin Welland, "Chariots of Fire." **Best screenplay adaptation:** Ernest Thompson, "On Golden Pond." **Best cinematography:** Vittorio Storaro, "Reds." **Best editing:** Michael Kahn, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." **Best art and set decoration:** Norman Reynolds, Leslie Dilley and Michael Ford, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." **Best score:** Vangelis, "Chariots of Fire." **Best song:** Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager, Christopher Cross and Peter Allen, "Arthur's theme (Best That You Can Do)." **Best visual effects:** Richard Edlund, Kit West, Bruce Nicholson and Joe Johnston, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." **Best costume design:** Milena Canonero, "Chariots of Fire." **Best makeup:** Rick Baker, "An American Werewolf in London." **Best sound:** Bill Varney, Steve Malsow, Gregg Landaker and Roy Charman, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." **Best foreign language film:** "Mephisto," Hungary.

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BY CHARLES H. GOREN

• 1981 by Chicago Tribune

Q.1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K5 ♦AQ ♦AQJ9873 ♦AQ

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

Pass Pass 1 ♦ Dble

Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — You have a strong hand and partner could act freely at the four-level despite the fact that he is missing two of the three top honors in his suit, so slam must be a strong possibility. But don't be too aggressive — remember, partner was bidding under the pressure of the preempt and your queen of clubs is a wasted value. Cue-bid five clubs. If partner does no more than return to five hearts, accept his decision gracefully.

Q.2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AK954 ♦KJ82 ♦K85 ♦7

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Dble

Pass 2 ♠ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — Partner has not promised much, but he must have something. You have prime defensive values against a heart contract, so we suggest a double for penalties. Don't worry about the opponents escaping to another suit at the three-level — partner rates to have length in the minors, and he should have something to say at that level.

Q.3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦4 ♦AQ984 ♦103 ♦KJ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — Partner has bid one

diamonds.

Q.4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦J5 ♦AQ ♦AQJ9873 ♦AQ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ 4 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass

Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — You have a strong hand and partner could act freely at the four-level despite the fact that he is missing two of the three top honors in his suit, so slam must be a strong possibility. But don't be too aggressive — remember, partner was bidding under the pressure of the preempt and your queen of clubs is a wasted value. Cue-bid five clubs. If partner does no more than return to five hearts, accept his decision gracefully.

Q.5 — East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦764 ♦93 ♦KQ109763 ♦5

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

3 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass

6 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — You have already

described your hand, so pass.

Partner surely has the ace of diamonds to run your suit.

Apparently, he feels it necessary to

WORLD

Columbia prepares for next space trip

HOUSTON, Texas (Agencies) — The U.S. space shuttle Columbia was being prepared Wednesday for another launch in late June after its third and longest mission ended safely with a delayed touchdown.

Astronauts Gordon Fullerton and Jack Lousma on Tuesday landed the 99,800-kilogramme reusable space freighter at the White Sands missile range in the New Mexico desert. The return was delayed for one day because of high winds on Monday.

Space agency officials said the craft will be taken to Florida on April 7 for its next mission, the last of four tests in a \$10-billion development programme leading to routine ferrying through space.

As well as experiments, the June flight will carry a secret cargo belonging to the Defence Department.

An air force spokesman said the shuttle's military tasks on its next mission and over the coming few years would include deploying satellites, including some that can be used for spying and early warning systems.

U.K. musters muscles for war over Falkland

LONDON (R) — Britain was reported mustering a show of naval strength around the South Atlantic Falkland Islands Wednesday after giving notice to Argentina that it will defend the disputed archipelago.

British newspapers front-paged reports that the navy had already dispatched more than one nuclear-powered submarine to the Falklands, a wind-swept chain of islands off the coast of Argentina.

The London Daily Express said one of the hunter-killer submarines was carrying a crack detachment of marines.

The Express also said three destroyers and a frigate from a fleet assembled in Gibraltar for a Mediterranean exercise had been alerted to sail if diplomacy failed to resolve the crisis over the Falklands, one of Britain's few remaining colonies.

The British government refused to confirm or deny the reports, with the defence ministry ins-

4 killed, 100 injured in parachute jump mishap

FORT IRWIN, California (R)

— Four U.S. Army paratroopers were killed and 100 injured in a mass jump designed to see how fast a strike force could move into trouble spots around the world, military officials said.

The spacecraft landed at 10 seconds past 1606 GMT Tuesday, completing a journey of more than 5.3 million kilometres and 129 orbits of the earth. It dropped from space and sped across western Mexico and the United States before diving toward a safe touchdown on a dry lakebed amid New Mexico's mountains.

Except for some missing tiles on its skin and a few scars and scratches, Columbia was in good shape. Technicians quickly drained surplus fuel and chemicals and towed the stubby-winged craft to a service area beside the desert runway. In about eight days, the spacecraft will be lifted atop a jumbo jet and flown to the Kennedy Space Centre for refitting.

But some of the paratroopers taken to hospital said they encountered strong winds as they neared the ground.

Of the 100 injured, 80 later returned to their units. Some of the 20 detained in hospital had serious leg, head and spinal injuries, military officials said.

Geo. Giap, 69, was voted out of the party politburo along with five other members.

The general lost his post as defence minister in 1980 and was demoted last year from first deputy prime minister to third deputy prime minister.

"He seems to be undergoing a because of disagreement over domestic policies or a personality clash," a Western diplomat said in Bangkok.

But the party confirmed its faith

UAE minister in Moscow

KUWAIT (R) — The interior minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mubarak Bin Mohammad Al Nahayan, arrived in Moscow Wednesday for medical treatment, the Kuwait News Agency said.

In a despatch from the Soviet capital, it said the surprise trip was the first by a UAE minister to the Soviet Union. The two countries maintain no diplomatic relations.

Sheikh Muharrik, a close relative of UAE President, Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, was seriously injured in a road accident in Britain two years ago.

Lord Carrington told parliament on Tuesday that the government was reviewing security for the Falklands colony but declined to say anything publicly about precautionary measures.

Washington recognises Guatemala military rulers

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — The United States has recognised the military government which seized power in Guatemala last week, a foreign relations ministry spokesman said.

U.S. Ambassador Frederick Chapin on Tuesday handed Guatemalan Foreign Minister Alfonso Alonso Lima an official note on behalf of the American government, the spokesman added.

The note underlined the U.S. government's wish to continue "friendly" relations and co-operation between the United States and Guatemala," he said.

Guatemala's new rulers have abolished congress and suspended political activity, saying recent elections were fraudulent. They have pledged both to guarantee human rights and to crush leftist guerrillas.

Commetting on the report, Prime Minister Robert Muldoon quoted analysts in his external intelligence bureau as saying that, if any, locations in the southern hemisphere were thought likely targets in a nuclear war.

It was discovered after a six-year search with optical and radio telescopes in Australia by Dr. Bruce Peterson of the Australian National University's Mount Stromlo Observatory, Dr. Ann Savage of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh and Dr. Jauncey and Dr. Alan Wright of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

The distance from Earth was calculated by using the "red shift," a measurement of wavelength, which is directly proportional to distance. The previous greatest known red shift was 3.53 but the newly-discovered quasar has a red shift of 3.78.

The exact structure of quasars is not known but Dr. Jauncey said they were very large balls of extremely hot gas emitting very intense radiation.

The latest quasar is calculated

to be emitting the energy of 100 billion suns.

Australia's minister for science and technology, David Thompson, said in an announcement of the discovery that it would open a new debate on the age and size of the universe and the nature of quasars.

He said the quasar existed long before the solar system was formed.

If there is an edge to the universe it is certainly further than this quasar," Dr. Jauncey told Reuters. But he said the team now knew how to locate very distant quasars and expected to find others even farther from Earth.

For 10 years scientists have been searching for a quasar further than the previous most distant, 16 billion light years from Earth, which was discovered in 1972. Their failure until now had encouraged a theory that the edge of the universe had been found.

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Anti-ETA group bombed French train

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R) — A Spanish ultra-rightist group opposed to the Basque separatists said Wednesday it planted the bomb which killed five people on the Paris-Toulouse express in France this week.

Separatist guerrillas meanwhile claimed two more victims, one of them a San Sebastian surgeon who was shot through the head Tuesday night. The other, a police bodyguard, died in hospital Wednesday from injuries received last week.

Eleven people have died in political violence in the Basque country this year, seven of them killed in the past two weeks by the sepa-

ratist organisation ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) or a connected group.

The Oyarzun area of the Basque country was paralysed by a general strike in protest against the death after a heart attack of a local doctor who had been held by police for suspected links with ETA. Officials denied that he was tortured.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Bilbao newspaper Deia that the ultra-rightist Spanish Basque Battalion staged last Monday's bomb attack on the French train near Limoges.

The caller said the group would stage an attack on French ter-

ritory, where Spanish authorities say separatists have bases, for each ETA attack in Spain.

Deia journalists said the same man telephoned the newspaper last week, threatening retaliation in France after ETA killed two policemen and the fiancée of one of them Sestao, near Bilbao.

Dr. Ramiro Carasa Perez, head of the emergency ward at San Sebastian's social security hospital, was shot with a single bullet through the head Tuesday night.

A man claiming to speak for ETA's hardline Military wing told the radical newspaper Egin he was "executed" after questioning.

Hanoi drops war hero from leadership

BANGKOK (R) — Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, who defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu and commanded the war against the Americans and South Vietnamese, was dropped from Vietnam's Communist Party leadership Wednesday.

Radio Hanoi reported that Gen. Giap, 69, was voted out of the party politburo along with five other members.

The general lost his post as defence minister in 1980 and was demoted last year from first deputy prime minister to third deputy prime minister.

"He seems to be undergoing a because of disagreement over domestic policies or a personality clash," a Western diplomat said in Bangkok.

But he never received formal military training and once said: "The only military academy I have been to is that of the bush."

His first major triumph came in 1954 when he defeated French troops at Dien Bien Phu — a victory which resulted in the French withdrawal from Indochina and the creation of North and South Vietnam.

Gen. Giap — known to his followers as "Nui Lao (the volcano under the snow)" — went on two decades later to force the U.S. government to withdraw American troops from South Vietnam.

On April 30, 1975, his army entered Saigon, ending the longest conflict of the 20th century and re-unifying the country.

inst heavily-armed Western forces.

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U.S. renews pledge to protect S. Korea

SEOUL (R) — The United States and South Korea have agreed to strengthen their capability to counter what they see as North Korea's increasing offensive military power, a joint communiqué said Wednesday.

The communiqué, issued after two-day talks here between U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and South Korean Defense Minister Choo Young-bock, said the northern buildup posed a grave threat to the south's security and to peace and stability in the region.

At their talks, the 14th in an annual series of meetings between the two allies agreed that the security of South Korea was essential to that of the United States and that any armed invasion of the south would be regarded as jeopardising both.

The communiqué said Washington would provide prompt and effective assistance to repel such an attack. South Korea will continue to rely on the U.S. nuclear umbrella for its security, it added.

Mr. Weinberger flies to the Phi-

ippines on Thursday for talks with President Ferdinand Marcos. He earlier visited Japan as part of a nine-day Asian tour.

Mr. Weinberger supported South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan's proposal to reopen unification talks between the Koreas, divided at the end of World War Two, and to adopt a common constitution pending unity.

Pyongyang has rejected the proposal and has repeated a call for a confederation between the divided halves of the country.

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